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ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 EURE-00 EB-07 /020 W
---------- 059879
P R 121256Z JAN 76
FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
TO USDOC WASHDC PRIORITY
SECSTATE WASHDC 5010
INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
AMEMBASSY VIENNA
AMEMBASSY WARSAW

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EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: BEXP HU
SUBJECT: MATERIALS HANDLING TSS

REF USDOC 00170, BACHMANN-LEVINE TELCON JAN 9

1. THIS EMBASSY WAS BOTH SHOCKED AND DISTURBED TO LEARN ON JANUARY 9 PER USDOC 00170 THAT THE LONG GESTATING MATERIALS HANDLING TSS APPEARS TO HAVE ABORTED.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AND BEWT WELL AWARE LOCAL ORGANIZER MTESZ HAS GONE THE EXTRA MILE ON THIS TSS AND COOPERATED FULLY WITH DATE CHANGES AND EMBASSY REQUESTS FOR DETAILED INFORMATION ON MAGYAR NEEDS WHICH EMBASSY REPORTED BUDAPEST 0708 AND BUDAPEST 3657. WE ARE FRANKLY PUZZLED BY REFTEL REFERENCE STATING "ORIGINAL TIME FRAME TOO SHORT TO ALLOW FOR QUALITY SEMINAR" SINCE FULL ELEVEN MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE FORMAL PROPOSAL OF TSS IN STATE 030031 OF FEB 10, 1975.

3. IN VIEW OFFICIAL U.S. PARTICIPATION IN BUDAPEST INTERNATIONAL SPRING FAIR (MAY 19-27) AND POST FAIR HIATUS WHICH WILL FIND MAGYAR MATERIAL HANDLERS DRAINED AND VACATION-BOUND, WE FIND PROPOSED JUNE DATES MOST UNFORTU-NATE. FURTHERMORE, BACHMANN-LEVINE TELCON AT COB JAN 9, HELPFUL THOUGH IT WAS REGARDING PERSONNEL AND PROCUREMENT PROBLEMS AT BEWT, GAVE LITTLE ASSURANCE THAT ANOTHER FIVE
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MONTHS LEAD TIME WOULD GUARANTEE A VIABLE TSS. SHOULD THIS

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TSS AGAIN FLY WE SUGGEST THAT OUR ROMANIAN COUSINS WHO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN TSS (BUCHAREST 5939) BE CONSIDERED, SINCE WE DOUBT THAT MTESZ OFFICIALS WILL BUY YET ANOTHER CHANGE IN DATES.

4. MTESZ COMMENTS (EXPLETIVES DELETED) FOLLOW SEPTEL.
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